

TEC/WG Tribal Topic Group Update, Key Issues

February 2000 Meeting

Las Vegas, NV

Ceded Lands Issue

- Need a Short Description of Ceded Lands, Treaty Lands, Aboriginal Lands, Etc.

DOE Indian Policy Update

- 3d Draft Under Development--Available In Next Couple of Weeks
- Examples of Points Addressed in Policy:
 - Definitions of “Consultation,” “Trust Responsibility” To Give DOE Managers A Better Understanding
 - Call for Development of Protocols for True Government-to-Government Relations
 - Oversight/Accountability for Implementation

Tribal/State Summit

- 10/99 in Santa Fe
- Resulted from Request for Meeting by 8 Northern Pueblos
- Participants Included New Mexico Pueblos, State Government, DOE, FHWA, BIA
- 5 Topic Areas Developed Into 6 Draft Agreements
- 1 Agreement Signed; Others Under Review of Tribal Councils

NRC ANPR-Notification

- Concern Over Lack of Comments So Far
- At Very Least--Send Letter Saying This Action Necessary
- Request by Tribes to Extend Comment Period (Comments Due 3/22)
- Need for a Meeting Between NRC and Tribes

DOT Tribal Policy

- Internally Written As DOT Guidance for Dealing with Tribal Nations on A Government-to-Government Basis
- Living Document--Comments Will Be Considered

DOT Letter-Tribal Inspection Rights

- Still in Concurrence Process

Wrap-Up

- Continue to Participate in Consolidated Grant and Other Topic Groups
- Allow More Time for Tribal Group to Meet (Earlier in Day)